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SUBJ: OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES: TRANS INTER-
NATIONAL AIRLINES

1. TRANS INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES IS ST. LOUIS-BASED CHARTER
AIRLINE WHICH IS EXPERIENCING SERIOUS PROBLEMS OBTAIN
LANDING CLEARANCES FROM GOI. COMPANY NEEDS LANDING
CLEARANCE FOR DC-8-63FLIGHT 89154 GOING FROM ST. LOUIS
AND ARRIVING APRIL 25 IN SHIRAZ VIA TEHRAN. (CONSIGNEE
IS IRAN MILITARY ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES IN SHIRAZ AND CARGO
IS ELECTRONIC GEAR END USER IS BELIEVED TO BE IRAN
MILITARY.)

2. COMPANY WAS REFUSED CLEARANCE FOR ABOVE FLIGHT BY GOI
AND WAS REPORTEDLY TOLD THAT COMPANY SHOULD NOT SUBMIT
ANY FURTHER REQUESTS FOR THIS OR OTHER FLIGHTS. TIA,
WHICH OPERATES ABOUT THREE FLIGHTS PER WEEK IN AND OUT
OF IRAN, IS UNDERSTANDABLY QUITE CONCERNED BY THIS TURN
OF EVENTS. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS COMPANY HAS ALREADY
TELEPHONED EMBASSY'S AIR ATTACHE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER
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AND TO SEEK POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE ON SECURING LANDING
PERMISSION FOR FLIGHT 89154. TIA SAYS THIS FLIGHT HAD
ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY IRAN AIR.

3. TRANS INTERNATIONAL BELIEVES IRANIAN POSITION IS
RESULT OF INCIDENT OCCURRING ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO IN
WHICH COMPANY AIRCRAFT, AGAINST SPECIFIC GOI INSTRUCTIONS,

PARKED OVERNIGHT AT TEHRAN AIRPORT. COMPANY ADMITS TO MISTAKE AND IS SENDING TWO OFFICIALS TO TEHRAN EARLY NEXT WEEK TO APOLOGIZE AND HOPEFULLY RECTIFY SITUATION.

4. IN VIEW OF FACT IRAN AIR HAS GIVEN ITS APPROVAL AND SINCE GOODS ARE APPARENTLY FOR GOI END USER, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE GOI AUTHORITIES TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION. COMPANY VERY MUCH WANTS TO DO BUSINESS IN IRAN. PLEASE ADVISE. CHRISTOPHER

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